(d) the reasons for so much difference in highest and lowest production cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The cost of production of urea is different across various units in the country with the highest cost of production for the urea being Rs. , 22899 PMT for M/s. Madras Fertilizers limited and lowest being Rs. 5054 PMT for M/s. National Fertilizers Limited-Vijaipur-1. The main reason for difference in the cost of production of these units is due to the wide difference in the price of feedstock being used , by these units for production of urea. The cost of production also varies as some of the units are old with negligible depreciation costs, whereas others are comparatively new units with significant depreciation cost.

The fertilizers units producing DAP in the country have been divided into two groups based on the process through which DAP is peoduced in these units. The cost of production of Group-I units (producing DAP based on imported rock phosphate) has been Rs. 19786 PMT in 2007-08 (April to September) whereas the cost of production of Group-II units (producing DAP from imported phosphoric acid) has been Rs. 17767 PMT.

With regard to the complex fertilizers, every unit produces varying grades of complex fertilizers and the cost of production of same depends upon feedstock/raw material being used by the units. The average cost of production of various grades of complex fertilizers in 2007-08 (April to September) is given as below:—

Grades of complex fertilizers	Cost (PMT)
1620:00	12212
20:20:00	13284
23:23:00(gas)	14807
28:28:00(urea)	17344
102626	17499
12:32:16	17372
1428:14	36531
14:35:14	18207
15:15:15(gas)	13896
17:17:17	15330
19:19:19	16765

Self sufficiency in fertilizer production

822. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the different varieties of fertilizers being produced in the country and the details of the plants alongwith their locations producing a kind of fertilizers;

(b) whether there are any varieties for which there is a demand but is not being produced in the country and if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the country is likely to achieve self sufficiency in the production of requisite varieties of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE): (a) Major fertilizers being produced in the country include urea, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), complex grade fertilizers and Single Super Phosphate (SSP). Details regarding location of the plants producing these fertilizers are indicated in the enclosed statement *(See* below).

(b) For requirement of Muriate of Potash (MOP) for which there is demand, the country is totally dependent on imports as there are no economically exploitable reserves of Potash in the country.

(c) while no definite time frame can be prescribed for increasing production of fertilizers to attain serif-sufficiency, Government is working towards increasing the production capacity of chemical fertilizers, chiefly urea. This is sought to be done through revival of the currently closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) and Hindustan Fetilizers Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) as well as through establishment of new plants. These companies are in discussions with gas companies for pipeline connectivity and availability of natural gas.

The Government is in the process of developing a new pricing policy for investment in urea sector in order to promote investment in urea sector and consequently to increase the indigenous production.

Production of phosphatic fertilizers in the country is dependent upon availability of raw materials/intermediates in the international market. Hence, additional capacity creation for production of DAP and complex grade fertilizers can not be anticipated definitely.

Statement

Plant-wise fertilizers being produced by the manufacturers in the country

Name of Unit/Plant	Product Name
1 PUBLIC	2
National Fertilizers Limited (NFL): Nagal-II	Urea
National Fertilizers Limited (NFL): Bhatinda	Urea
National Fertilizers Limited (NFL): Panipat	Urea
National Fertilizers Limited (NFL): Vijaipur-I	Urea
National Fertilizers Limited (NFL): Vijaipur-II	Urea